

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 686 - SB 980

March 31, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the chief medical officer (CMO) to implement a statewide collaborative pharmacy practice agreement specific to dispensing epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) with any licensed practicing pharmacist. Authorizes pharmacist to dispense epi-pens in certain circumstances such as to a person at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction that would require the use of an epi-pen; or to a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction requiring the use of an epi-pen.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditure - \$261,800/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Increase Federal Expenditures – \$515,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Division of TennCare (Division), the Division dispensed 14,320 epi-pens in 2020, at an average prescription cost of \$217.
- Implementing a statewide collaborative pharmacy practice agreement specific to dispensing epi-pens is reasonably assumed to increase the number of epi-pens dispensed by an estimated 25 percent, or 3,580 (14,320 x 25.0%).
- The increase in expenditures is estimated to be \$776,860 (3,580 epi-pens x \$217).
- Medicaid expenditures receive matching funds at a rate of 66.295 percent federal funds to 33.705 percent state funds. Of this amount \$261,841 (\$776,860 x 33.705%) will be in state funds and \$515,019 (\$776,860 x 66.295%) will be in federal funds in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- The Department of Health (DOH) clinics do not dispense or issue epinephrine auto-injector products to patients; therefore, any fiscal impact to the DOH is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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